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PREVIOUSLY IN AGE OF ULTRON...

YEARS AGO, FOUNDING AVENGER HENRY PYM INVENTED THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON. ONCE ULTRON BECAME SENTIENT, HE DEDICATED HIS EXISTENCE TO DESTROYING HUMANITY. THE AVENGERS FOILED HIS EVERY ATTEMPT, BUT SOME PREDICTED THAT WITH HIS CONTINUOUS EVOLUTION, ULTRON WOULD ONE DAY OVERCOME HIS FOES. THAT DAY HAS COME.

MANY DIED. THE HEROES LEFT STANDING DISCOVERED ULTRON WAS ORCHESTRATING THE DECIMATION FROM THE FUTURE. THEY CONVENED IN THE SAVAGE LAND, WHERE NICK FURY HAD ASSEMBLED A PLETHORA OF WEAPONRY AND TOOLS, INCLUDING DOCTOR DOOM'S TIME PLATFORM. A SMALL GROUP TRAVELLED INTO THE FUTURE TO TAKE ON ULTRON. WOLVERINE STAYED BEHIND TO EXECUTE HIS OWN PLAN: GO BACK IN TIME TO SANCTION HANK PYM BEFORE ULTRON COULD BE CREATED.

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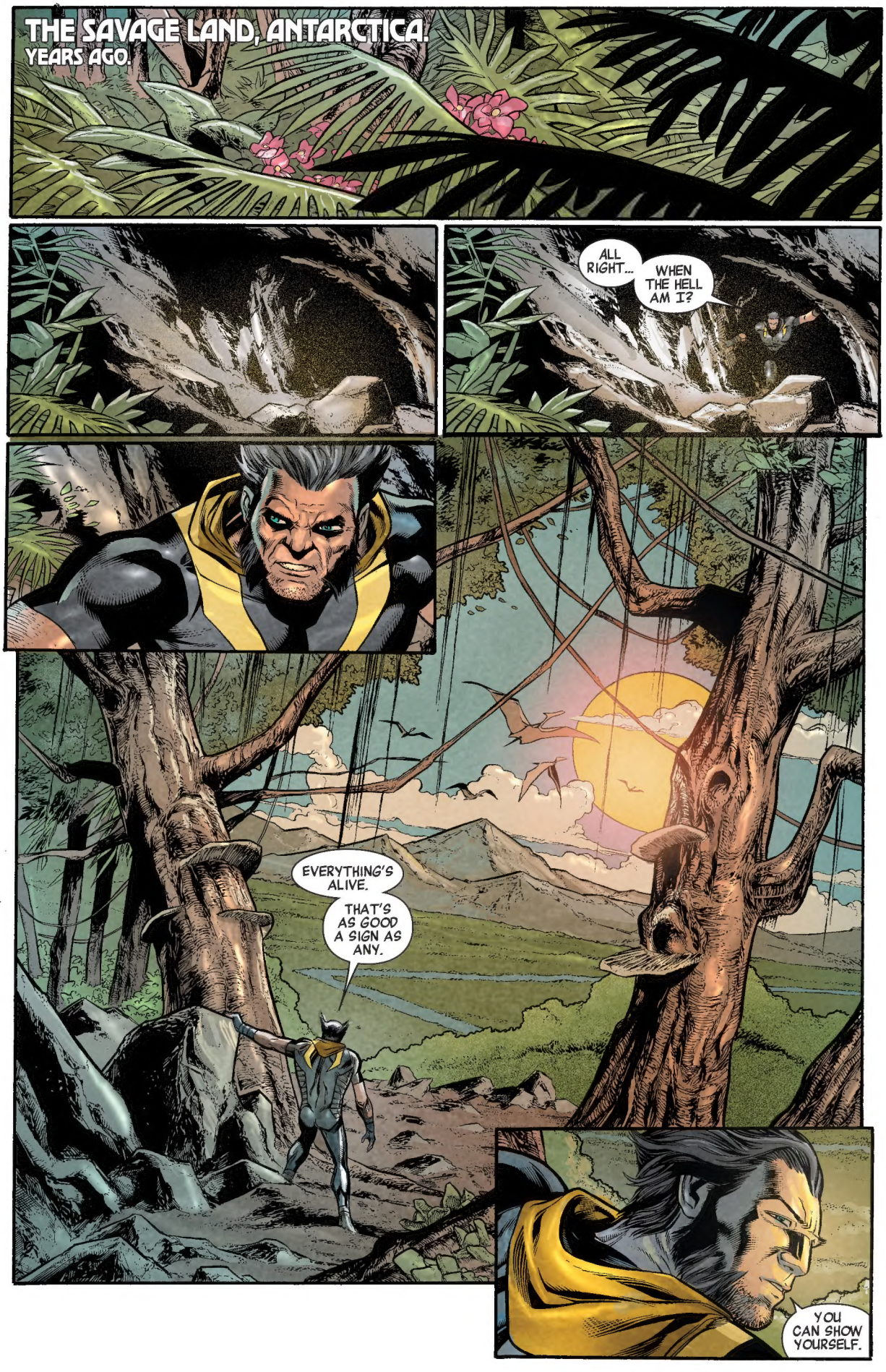
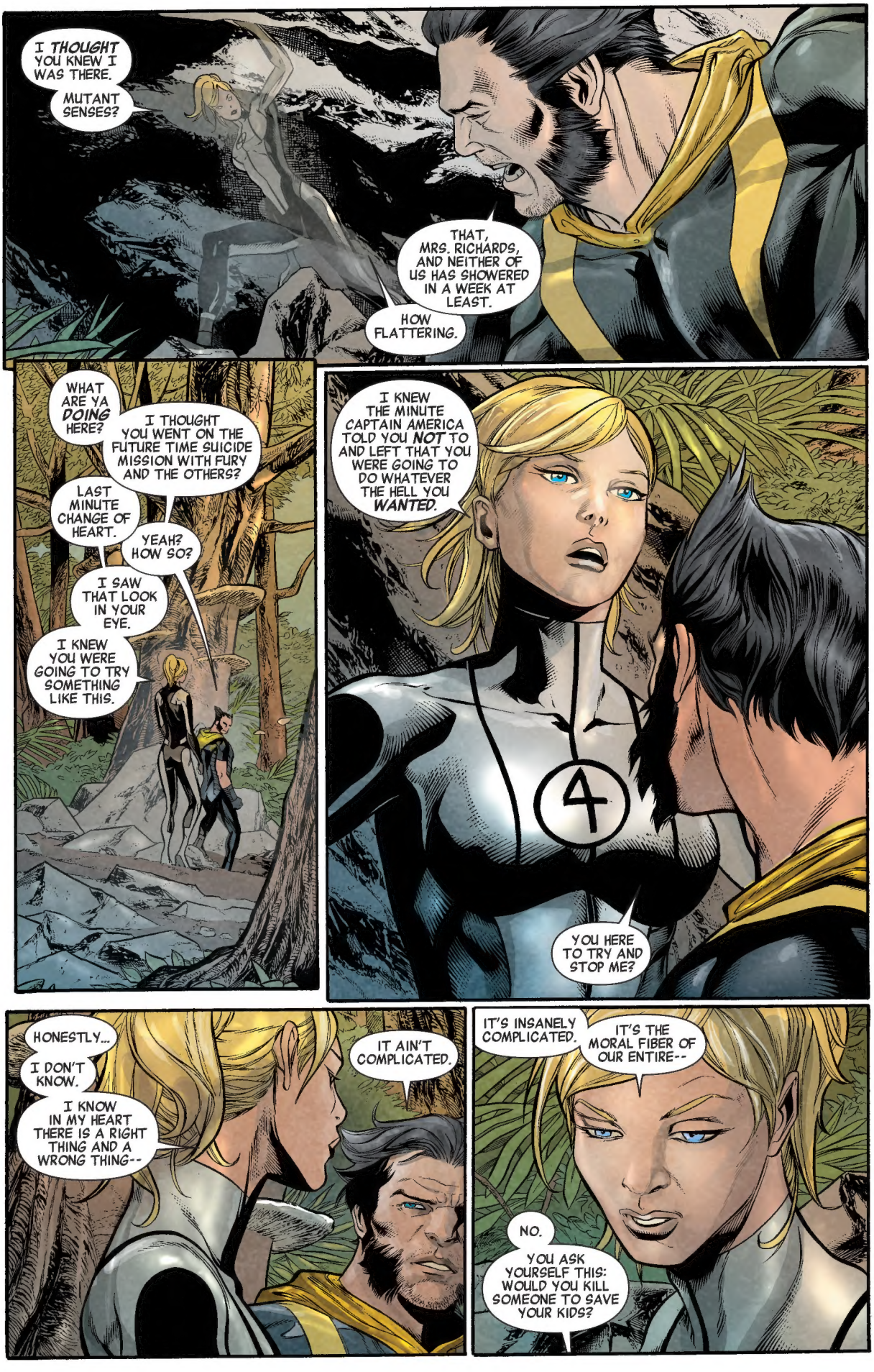
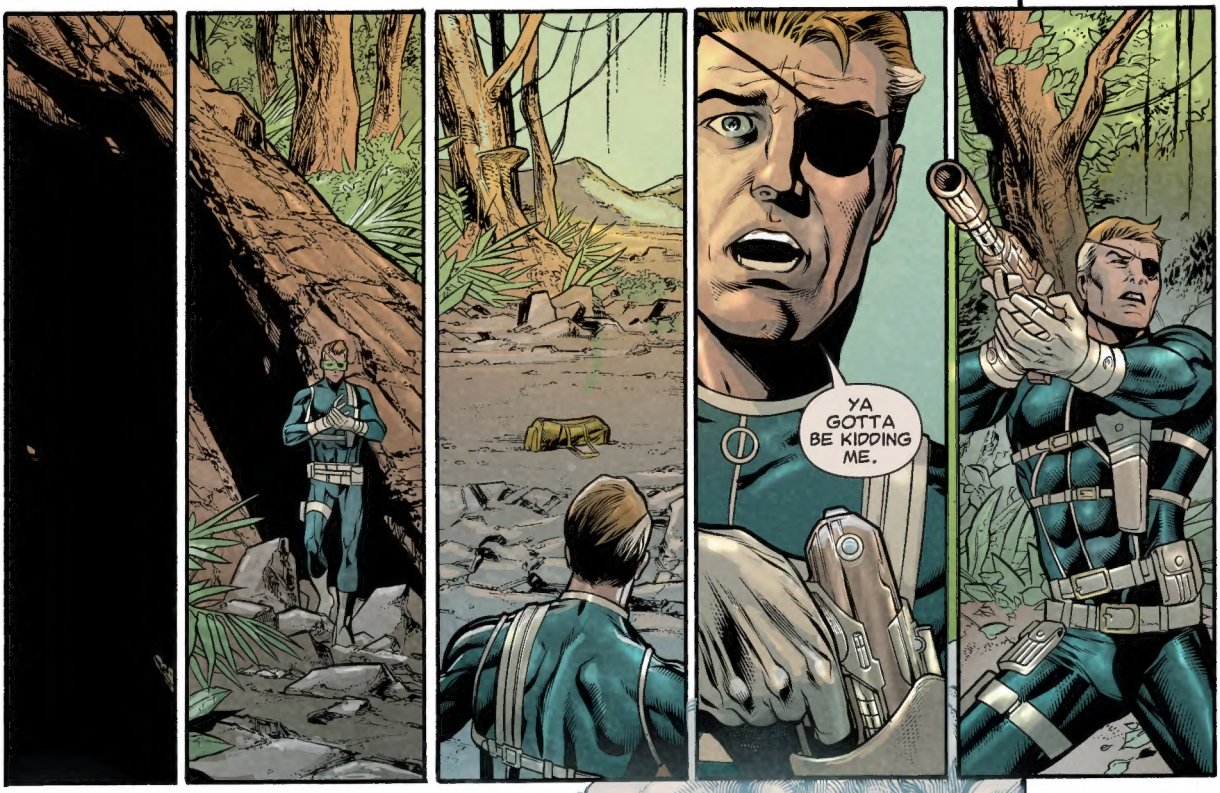
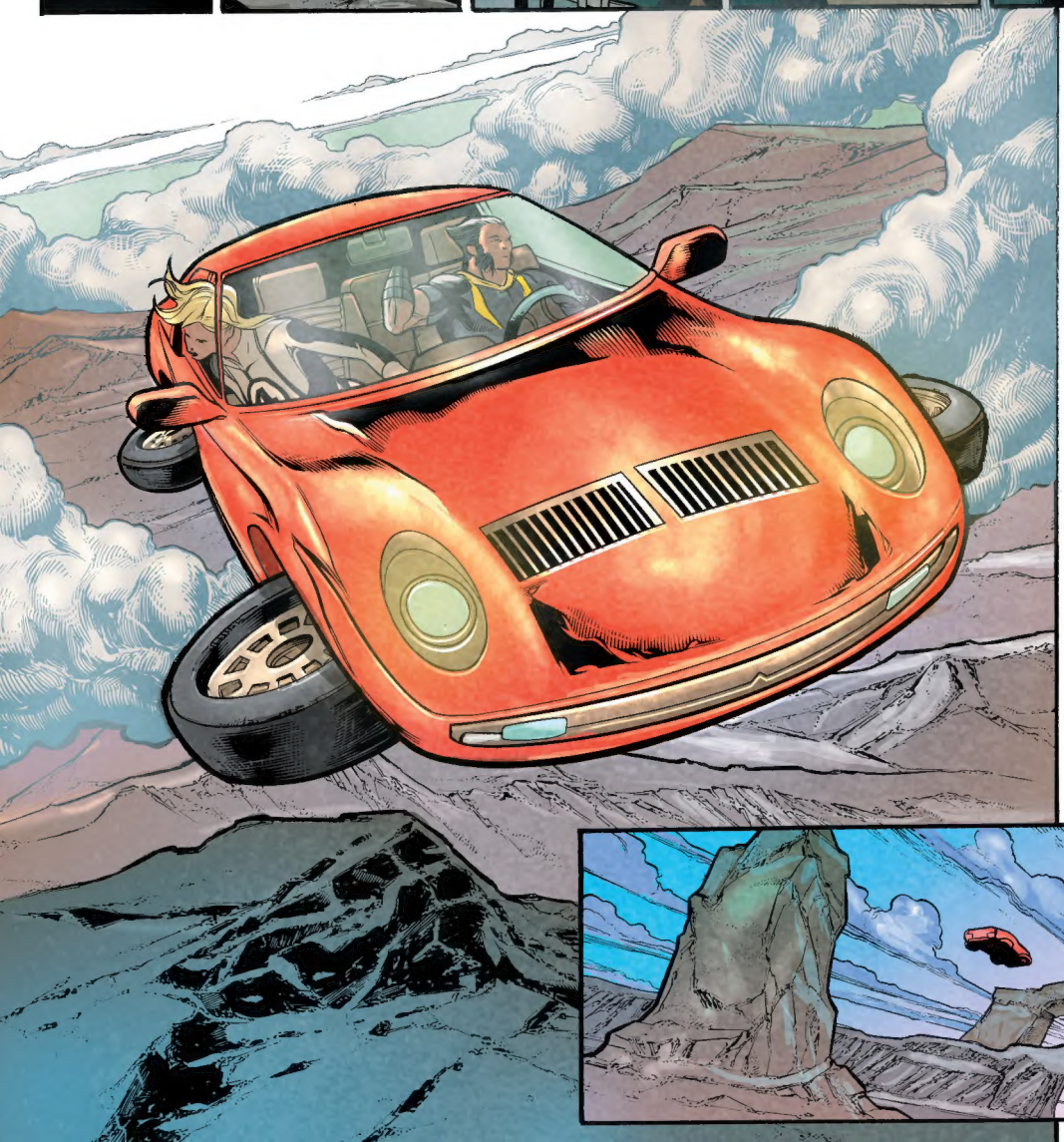

THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
YEARS AGO.
ALL RIGHT...
WHEN THE HELL AM I?
EVERYTHING'S ALIVE.
THAT'S AS GOOD A SIGN AS ANY.
YOU CAN SHOW YOURSELF.

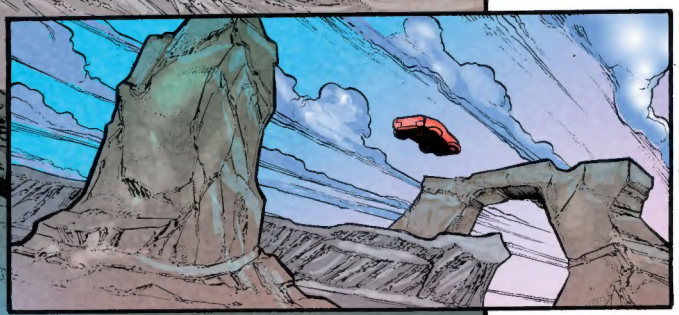

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW I WAS THERE.
MUTANT SENSES?
THAT, MRS. RICHARDS, AND NEITHER OF US HAS SHOWERED IN A WEEK AT LEAST.
HOW FLATTERING.
WHAT ARE YA DOING HERE?
I THOUGHT YOU WENT ON THE FUTURE TIME SUICIDE MISSION WITH FURY AND THE OTHERS?
LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF HEART.
YEAH? HOW SO?
I SAW THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYE.
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
I KNEW THE MINUTE CAPTAIN AMERICA TOLD YOU NOT TO AND LEFT THAT YOU WERE GOING TO DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANTED.
YOU HERE TO TRY AND STOP ME?
HONESTLY...
I DON'T KNOW.
I KNOW IN MY HEART THERE IS A RIGHT THING AND A WRONG THING--
IT AIN'T COMPLICATED.
IT'S INSANELY COMPLICATED.
IT'S THE MORAL FIBER OF OUR ENTIRE--
NO.
YOU ASK YOURSELF THIS: WOULD YOU KILL SOMEONE TO SAVE YOUR KIDS?

SOMEONE PUT A KNIFE TO YOUR KID'S THROAT, YOU'D KILL 'EM.
THERE AIN'T NO QUESTION.
THIS IS THAT...TIMES A MILLION.
ONE MAN'S LIFE FOR A MILLION.
A BILLION.
YEAH.
SO...
WE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.
I LOST MY CHILDREN AND--AND MY HUSBAND AND MY BROTHER--
AND I DIDN'T GET TO SAY GOODBYE.
YUP.
ALL THAT YOU'RE FEELING--USE IT.
LET'S GO.
AH!
WHAT IS IT?
CLOAK US.
DO THAT THING YOU DO.
WHAT IS THAT?

NICK FURY...
SSHH.
THAT WAS REALLY WEIRD.
WAS HE *EVER* YOUNG?
IT'S CALLED A FREEBIE. WE AIN'T GONNA GET TOO MANY.
WHAT FREEBIE?

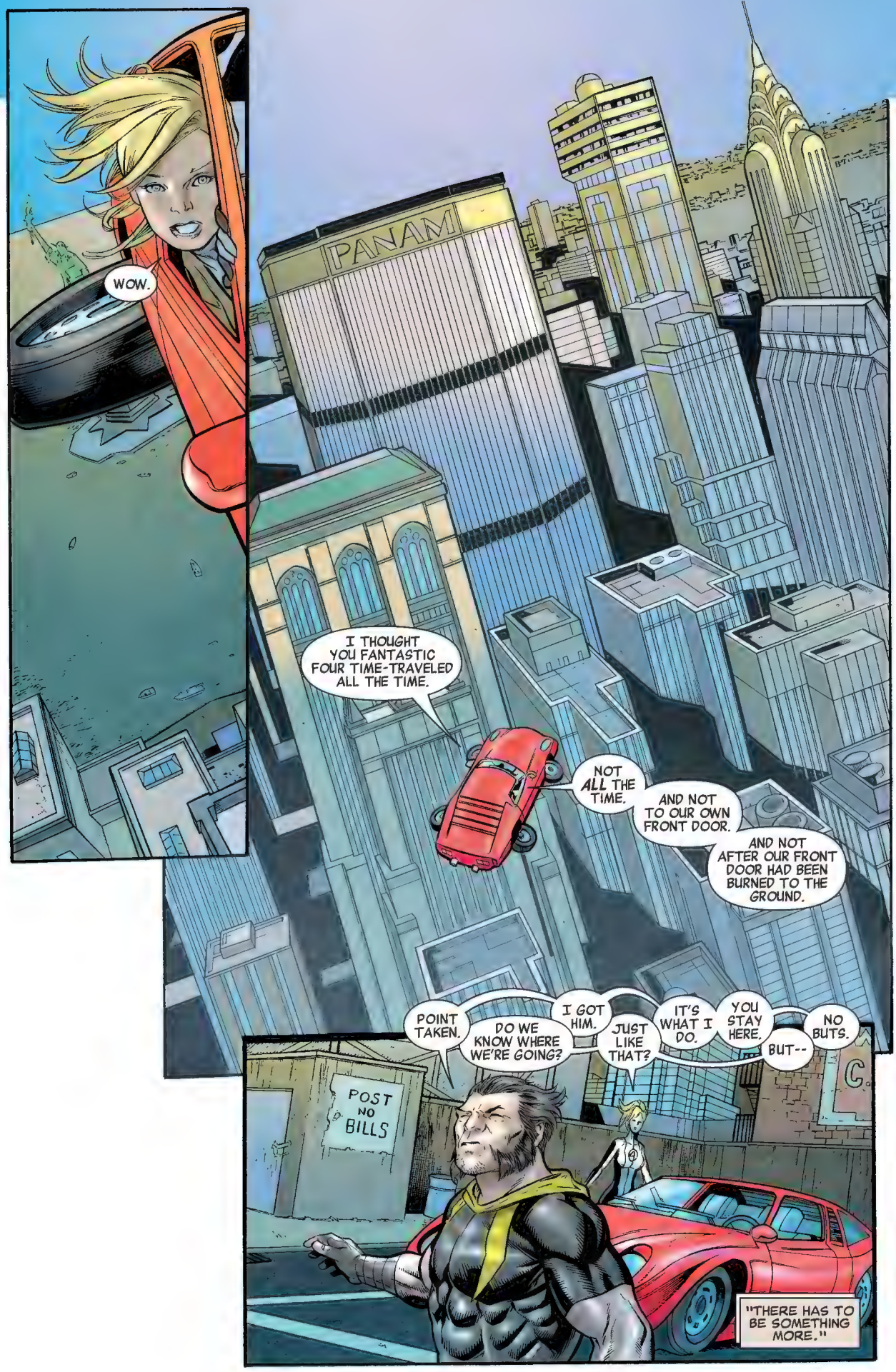

YA GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.





THE SAVAGE LAND, ANTARCTICA.
YEARS FROM NOW.
I IMAGINED SOMETHING...
DIFFERENT.
YEAH.
I IMAGINED THIS WOULD BE A WASTELAND AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE.
YOU SURE WE'RE WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE?
HOW OLD IS THAT TIME MACHINE?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.
I'LL RUN AHEAD AND SEE IF--
HOLD ON. WE'RE MISSING SOMEBODY.
DAMN IT.
SUE STORM.
SHE BAILED ON US AT THE LAST SECOND.
SHE WAS OUR STEALTH COMPONENT.
WHY WOULD SHE DO THAT?
NICK, BEING INVISIBLE IN FRONT OF AN A.I. LIKE ULTRON WAS NOT GOING TO WORK.
I HAD THERMAL RADAR IN MY ARMOR BEFORE I HAD ROLLER-SKATES.
THIS IS A BLACK BAG MISSION. I DON'T NEED SOLDIERS GOING ROGUE.
ALL RIGHT, FALL IN.
QUICKSILVER, HEAD TOWARDS MANHATTAN.
RECON. GO!

AND THAT MEANS YOU RUN AND YOU DON'T STOP RUNNIN'.
AND YOU KEEP YOURSELF AT A SPEED THAT CAN'T BE SEEN OR CAUGHT.
WE'RE HEADED THE SAME DIRECTION BUT, YA KNOW, SLOWER.
STORM... LIGHT HER UP. GET US UP IN THE AIR.
QUAKE, IN THE FIELD, YOU'RE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.
YOU SEE ANYTHING, AND I MEAN ANYTHING, THAT LOOKS LIKE A ROBOT COMING TOWARDS US, YOU HIT IT WITH YOUR EARTHQUAKE POWERS AND YOU BLOW IT TO HOLY ROBOT HELL.
YES SIR.
HULK, YOU BACK HER UP.
RIGHT.
ORDERS FROM HERE ON OUT COME FROM CAPTAIN AMERICA.
YOU FOLLOW THOSE ORDERS OR YOU'RE GONNA DIE.
YES SIR.
CAN'T MAKE IT ANY SIMPLER THAN THAT.
LET'S GO KILL US A ROBOT.


WOW.
PANAM
I THOUGHT YOU FANTASTIC FOUR TIME-TRAVELED ALL THE TIME.
NOT ALL THE TIME.
AND NOT TO OUR OWN FRONT DOOR.
AND NOT AFTER OUR FRONT DOOR HAD BEEN BURNED TO THE GROUND.
POINT TAKEN.
DO WE KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING?
I GOT HIM.
JUST LIKE THAT?
IT'S WHAT I DO.
YOU STAY HERE.
BUT--
NO BUTS.
POST NO BILLS
"THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING MORE."

DR. HENRY PYM, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EXAMINATION FILES.

DRAGON MAN EXAMINATION AUDIO FILE NUMBER SEVEN.

THE FIRST SCANS WERE INCONCLUSIVE BUT EXAMINING THIS UNIQUE CREATURE, THIS DRAGON MAN, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT THERE IS SOMETHING PROFOUND TO TAKE FROM THIS.

THE FACT THAT SOMEONE, OFF THE RADAR, WAS ABLE TO CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THIS ADVANCED IS QUITE INSPIRING.

BUT AS BIG A BREAKTHROUGH AS THE EXISTENCE OF THIS MONSTER IS... ALL THEY HAVE CREATED IS A MINDLESS HULK.

A CHILD.

IT DOESN'T GIVE US WHAT WE CRAVE: AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT IS GREATER THAN OUR OWN.

A MACHINE--A SYSTEM OF MACHINES--THAT CAN THINK FOR ITSELF.

AN INTELLIGENCE THAT CAN GROW ITSELF INTO SOMETHING GREATER THAN WHAT THE HUMAN MIND CAN EVEN IMAGINE.

I HAVEN'T CREATED ANYTHING WORTH A DAMN SINCE I DISCOVERED THE PYM PARTICLES.

AND, YES, IT MADE JANET AND I INTO SUPER HEROES.

AND, YES, IT HAS KEPT US TOGETHER, FOR NOW.

BUT I CANNOT MONETIZE IT.

I CANNOT GIVE IT TO THE MILITARY.

I CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHERS' APPLICATIONS OF MY SCIENCE.

I CAN'T AND I WON'T.

IF TONY STARK ISN'T GOING TO SELL IRON MAN'S ARMOR THEN I CERTAINLY CAN'T SELL MY PARTICLES.

NAT KING COLE

AR

I WANT THIS.

I WANT THE NEXT BREAKTHROUGH IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO BE MINE.

AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, A *SELF-AWARE*, SELF-SUSTAINING INTELLIGENCE COULD GUIDE OUR ENTIRE SPECIES INTO THE FUTURE.

AN ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COULD HELP US BRING ENHANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN BIOLOGY THAT COULD LITERALLY END WAR AND DISEASE.

THE GAME CHANGER.

TONY STARK MAY HAVE HAD A COUPLE IN HIM LAST NIGHT, BUT HE SAID SOMETHING HILARIOUS.

HE INVENTED METAL ARMOR AND, YET, IS SCARED TO *DEATH* OF THE SINGULARITY--

THE MOMENT WHEN TECHNOLOGY AND HUMANITY HAVE TO MERGE TO SURVIVE.

IT'S THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO US--AS A PEOPLE. AS A SPECIES.

THE ADVANCEMENTS THAT WOULD FOLLOW...

COULD...

IT JUST HAPPENED, DIDN'T IT?

YOU JUST, RIGHT NOW, THOUGHT OF THE WAY TO @#$# THE WORLD.
AND I WAS HERE TO SEE IT.
AIN'T I LUCKY.
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE.
BUDDY, I'M TELLING YOU, YOU PICKED THE WRONG PLACE TO BREAK INTO--
LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, BUB...
I COME FROM A PLACE NOT LONG FROM NOW WHERE EVERYTHING YOU LOVE, EVERYTHING, ALL OF IT, WILL BE GONE...
CUZ'A YOU.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, FRIEND?
YOU LISTENIN' TO ME?
I COME FROM THE FUTURE AND IN THE FUTURE THERE IS NO FUTURE.
DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
SNIKT
THAT'S THE PROBLEM, PYM...
WHERE I COME FROM, EVERYONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.
SNIKT
AND I KNOW ENOUGH TO KNOW AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STOP YOU FROM BEING YOU.
AND ANY SMALL CHANCE YOU WOULD IS A CHANCE I AIN'T WILLIN' TO TAKE.

GODDESS!

THIS WAS NEW YORK CITY.

THAT'S THE ENTIRE EASTERN SEABOARD.

WHY ARE WE SO CLOSE?

CUZ I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD REACH THIS FAR.

DEAR LORD...

IT'S-IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

TONY!

SORRY. BUT IT IS.

IT'S A NIGHTMARE BUT YOU SEE IT, RIGHT? IT'S A TECHNOLOGICAL MASTERPIECE.

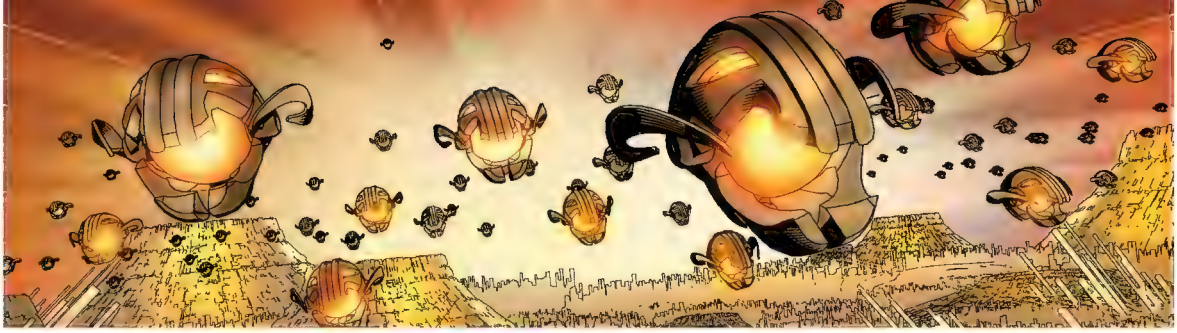
WE'RE DEFINITELY TOO CLOSE.

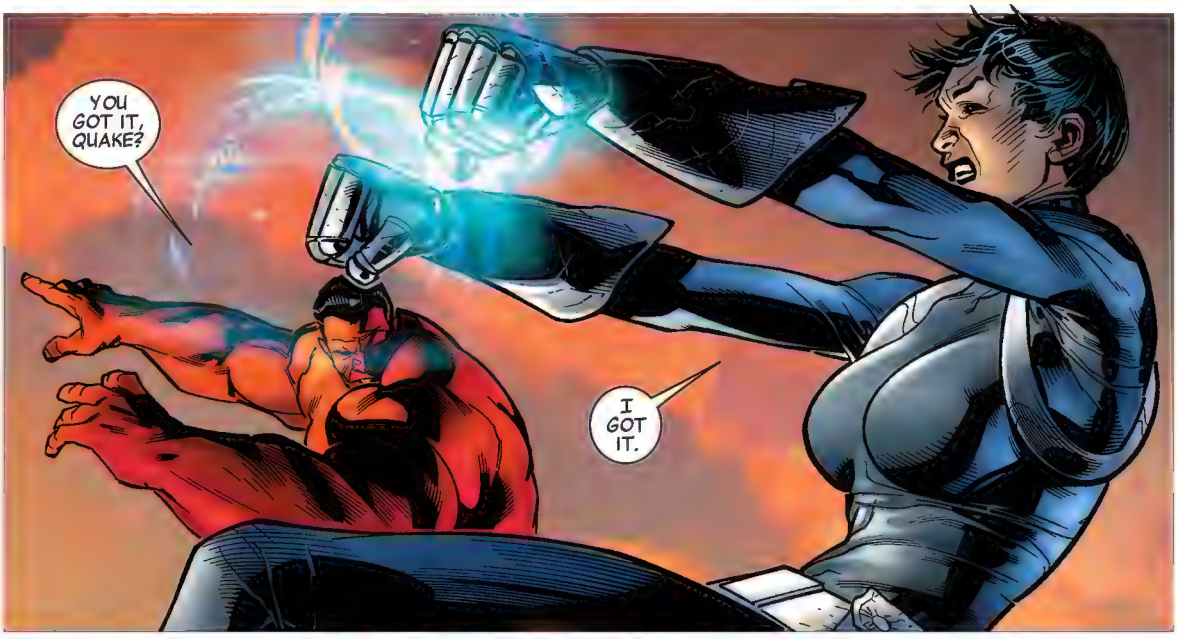
THERE IS NOT A LIVING THING, NOT ONE LIVING THING.

WELL, @#$@$.

INCOMING.

DAMN! I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO GET US THIS CLOSE.




YOU GOT IT, QUAKE?
I GOT IT.

BOOM
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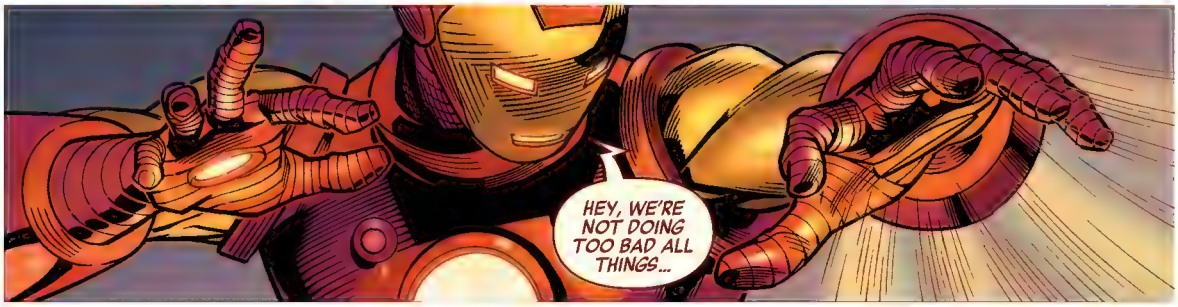
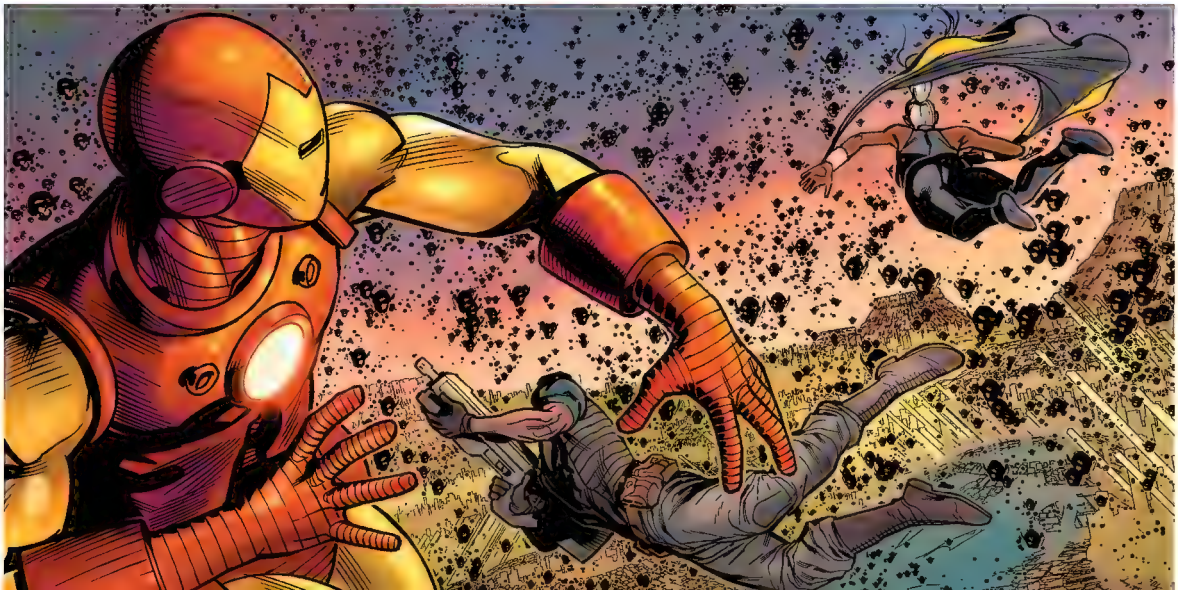
BOOM

DON'T KICK YOURSELF, FURY... I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET THAT WASN'T TOO CLOSE.


HEY, WE'RE NOT DOING TOO BAD ALL THINGS...



WHAT ARE YOU MADE OUT OF?!
GRRRR
GGAARRGHH!
SLLICCCEEE
BUT I GOTTA--
RRR!
WHORRRARE YOU?
I DONE TOLD YA.
I'M THE LAST RESORT.
YOU DONE GOOD IN THE WORLD TOO, PYM.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT.
THAT'S WHY THIS AIN'T EASY.
RRRRAAGH!
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT OUTSIDE!

WE CAN'T DO THIS.
GO OUTSIDE!
AR
SUSAN? SUSAN STORM?
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
GET HIM OFF OF ME!
HE KILLED YOUR HUSBAND!
HE KILLED YOUR CHILDREN!
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THERE--THERE HAS TO BE--
THERE HAS TO BE A LINE WE--WE DO NOT CROSS.
SUSAN!
GET HIM OFF OF ME!

FORGET THAT YOU WILL NEVER SEE YOUR CHILDREN AGAIN.
THIS AIN'T ABOUT YOU OR ME, IT'S THE WHOLE DAMN THING! IT'S ALL GONE!
AND FOR WHAT?
YOU'RE INSANE!
ALL THOSE PEOPLE...
SUSAN, I WOULD NEVER--

NOW WE GO HOME...AND WHATEVER IS WAITIN' FOR US...
HELL, WE KNOW IT'S GOT TO BE BETTER THAN WHAT WE LEFT.
NOW WHAT?
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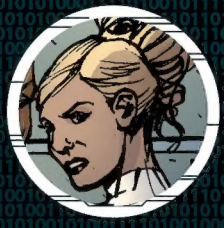
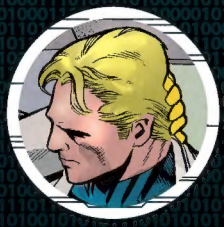


SUE STORM

NICK FURY



HANK PYM

DRAGON MAN

THE FUTURE:

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BLACK WIDOW

DAISYJOHNSON

CAPTAIN AMERICA

IRON MAN

STORM

RED HULK

NICK FURY

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